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Applicant : Takesada SHIMURA et al  
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**Amendment under 37 CFR §1.312**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.